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NON-OCULAR CIRCADIAN CLOCK RESETTING IN HUMANS

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

5 1. Field of the Invention

This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/046,188 filed May 12, 1997 and U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/072,121 filed January 22, 1998. This invention was made with Government support under Grant No(s). R01MH45067 and K02MH01099, awarded by the National Institute of Health.

10 The Government has certain rights in the inventions. This invention relates to a method for resetting the phase of the human circadian clock and for enhancing alertness and performance in humans by application of non-solar photic stimulation, in the range of 15 to 150,000 lux, to any non-ocular region of the human body.

15 2. Related Art

As with all vertebrates, humans exhibit temporal organization in behavior and in numerous physiological functions. In response to the natural alternation in light and dark, virtually all species have developed endogenous rhythms with frequencies close to 24 hours. These internally generated, self-sustaining rhythms are known as circadian rhythms (from the Latin *circa* = about, and *dies* = day). The pervasive nature of such rhythms suggests that circadian temporal organization is vital to the overall well-being of the organism. Numerous systems and functions are mediated by the circadian system including hormonal output, body temperature, rest and activity, sleep and wakefulness, and motor and cognitive performance. In all, literally hundreds of circadian rhythms in

20 mammalian species have been identified.

Left to run at its inherent frequency, the human biological clock that is responsible for the generation of circadian rhythms exhibits a daily periodicity of slightly longer than 24 hours. Thus, a daily correction to the clock must be made for our internal rhythms to remain synchronized or 'entrained' to the natural 24 hour day. It is widely accepted that exposure to the natural light/dark cycle provides the strongest signal to entrain the human circadian system to the geophysical day. Inadequate exposure to light of sufficient intensity is a contributing factor in disorders associated with biological rhythm disturbance, such as seasonal affective disorder (SAD), jet lag from transmeridian travel, shift work and some types of insomnia (advanced and delayed sleep phase syndromes).

30 Timed exposure to artificial bright light to the eyes has been used successfully to treat

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